



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1
3 February 2021

Dear St Mark's parents/whānau.

Welcome back to school! Staff have been planning for your arrival for many days, with some targeted Professional Learning, collaborating in teams and sharing information so that 2021 is a very happy and successful year for your tamariki.

We trust you have enjoyed a restful time with family and friends. Staff have so valued the interviews over the last 2 days - a great way to put your child at the centre of all our work. I thought I would take a speck of your time to connect - I look forward to seeing you in person!

School Service

Tomorrow we join with Rev. Ben to open our school year with a service and welcome from our kapa haka group. EVERYONE is welcome.

Boys please wear white shirts.

Our regular Friday service will be the next day.

Stationery

Starting the year with all stationery accounted for makes such a difference for your child. Contact your teacher should there be any issues.

Sunhats

We are a fully accredited sunsmart school and as such **ALL** students are required to wear the school sunhat during break times. NO HAT NO PLAY - children sit under the sycamore tree.

Locarno Fence

In very exciting news, the Locarno Street fence is to be replaced by the Board of Proprietors this term. Barrier fences will be erected and I will inform you of access when I have details.

Library books

There is an amnesty on library books should you have uncovered one or two over the holidays. We will welcome them home without question!

Lost Property

There is a significant amount of unclaimed property on a table in the foyer - this will sit there until the end of school on **Tuesday 9th February** after which it will be rehomed.

Nuts

Please **avoid** putting nuts in your child's lunch or snack box. We have a number of students for whom nuts are extremely toxic and life threatening.

Lateness

If your child is late for any reason please have them sign into the ipad in the office. It automatically records their arrival and is a key feature of the Board of Trustees health and safety policy.

Emergency Contact Details

PLEASE ensure that emergency contact details are up to date at the office. In the event of an emergency it is vital that you are contactable - again this is our commitment to your child's safety and wellbeing.

Questions or concerns

From time to time matters may arise that are of concern to you and your child.

The procedure in our school for addressing any concern is that in the **first** instance contact the classroom teacher. If the matter requires further discussion the **second** person to contact is your team leader - in 2021 these people are:

Mōkihi - Mrs Lorraine Breerton

Waka Puhara - Mrs Liz Coster

Waka Hourua - Mr Adrian Rennie

If the matter requires support from the principal, I will be available. Because I am teaching classroom science this year, there are times when I am unavailable.

In 2021 we ask that parents/whānau follow this line of communication - oftentimes there is an opportunity, if early in a concern, that the classroom teacher is best placed to address need.

Calendar

Please check regularly and any communications through the **school app!**

What a privilege to be back with you all May God bless our paths as we step into a new school year together. Averil



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Parents' Association AGM

& Election of Officers

Nomination Form

The Annual AGM of the St Mark's Parents' Association (P.A.) will take place on Tuesday 16th February at 7:30pm in the School Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Parents' Association at St Marks is regarded as a vital part of St Mark's School and for many years, the School has enjoyed the active support of its parents through the Association. We openly encourage parents to participate in our activities throughout the year and also seek active involvement in helping to bring those activities to fruition.

Each year we have to elect a New Committee and Committee Officers.

The roles are Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Member. Below is the nomination form. You can nominate yourself or other person, with their consent. In the event of nominating yourself you must get a current St Mark's parent to endorse your nomination form.

Please fill in and return to the office no later than 3pm Monday 15th February.

In the event of more than one person nominated for the positions of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer a Vote will be conducted of all those present at the AGM to elect a candidate to that role.

I(Nominator).....Nominate.....

For the Position of (Please circle one) Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Member

I (Nominee).....Accept the nomination for the above position.

Date...../...../2021